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VIA ECF

Hon. P. Kevin Castel

United States District Court Judge

Southern District of New York

500 Pearl Street


New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v, Grasso, et al.
20 CR 163 (S4) (PKC)

Application GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 3/21/2022


P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge

Dear Judge Castel:

I represent Richard Banca in the above entitled matter, and respectfully request that the Court permit Mr. Banca to waive his personal appearance at the status conference scheduled for March 23, 2022. As trial scheduling is the main purpose of this status conference, I intend to appear in person. The government has no objection to this application.

Mr. Banca resides in Middletown, New York, and his travel time would be more than two hours each way to attend in person. Based upon the on going COVID 19 pandemic, and the restrictions on entry to the Southern District Courthouse, I request that the Court permit Mr. Banca to waive his appearance on March 23, 2022, and that he be permitted to appear telephonically.

Respectfully submitted,

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